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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 595
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION To recognize and thank Mrs. Alma Davis of Blount County for her record of good works in behalf of children and youth, the sick and elderly, and the downtrodden and destitute.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to recognize those citizens of our state who go beyond the day-to-day activity of earning a living and taking care of a family to reach out to those less fortunate with assistance and concern; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Davis of Blount County is one such caring individual who throughout her life has rigorously applied the "Golden Rule" on behalf of those in need of friendship, guidance or material or spiritual aid; and

WHEREAS, While parenting her own three children, Alma Davis has assumed the role of teacher to other children; she has worked in many part-time jobs to supplement her income so that she could take care of foster children in her home. In addition she has housed foreign exchange students in her home while they attended school in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis and her husband, Robert, have for many years visited the sick and elderly and the downtrodden and destitute in an effort to improve their quality of life; Robert

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has served as chairman of the Board of Deacons at St. John's Baptist Church where he and Alma are devout members; both Mr. and Mrs. Davis have served as Sunday School teachers and Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, The Davises have started many businesses in Blount County, often hiring children who have dropped out of school and then have encouraged these youth to complete their G.E.D.'s to prepare for a better future; and

WHEREAS, Alma Davis is a graduate of Leadership Blount for 2001 and Robert is also a graduate of the program; this outstanding couple, which continues to serve humanity with humility, has had a profound impact for good in their community and stand as role models for all who follow; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Davis and her husband Robert are clearly deserving of our approbation and gratitude; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the we express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Alma Davis and her husband, Robert, for their lives of unselfish service to their fellow citizens and offer our best wishes for their every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.